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This report lists responsibilities and contact information for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Offices of Agricultural Affairs in Warsaw and Prague.

General Information:

Office of Agricultural Affairs Warsaw-Prague

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) mission is to link U.S.

agriculture to the world to enhance export opportunities and global food security. In the Central Europe-Baltic Region, FAS has a regional office in Warsaw that also supervises an office in Prague. The office covers six nations, all members of the European Union, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. As a regional office operating inside the European Union, FAS Warsaw-Prague works closely with the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels

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Arrived at post in September 2007 and is scheduled to serve in Warsaw until summer 2010. Mr. Wenberg is an economist and expert in commodity analysis. Previously he served at the American Embassy in Moscow. In summer 2010, Wenberg will be replaced by Michael J. Henney.

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A former university instructor, dairy management expert, and staff member of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Dr. Rucinski is an expert in the field of animal genetics. Rucinski is responsible for reporting on livestock, poultry, dairy, and genetics issues as well as veterinary affairs. Rucinski coordinates the Borlaug Fellows Science program that supports young Polish scientists to study in the United States.

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Mrs. Figurska is responsible for market promotion of U.S. food and beverage products. She maintains trade contacts and U.S. supplier data. Mrs. Figurska is also responsible for reporting on high-valued products and provides custom matchmaking for U.S. exporters looking for Polish importers. She is responsible for reporting and policy development for: biotechnology, food labeling, geographic

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Mrs. Kingsbury is responsible for reporting on the grains, oilseeds, sugar, fruit, vegetables, forestry and biofuels sectors. Mrs. Kingsbury works to support American and Polish groups working in rural development and food security such as Heifer Project International and Polish 4-H clubs. Poland has 110 4-H clubs, modeled on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's program for youth.

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